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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Sam Pickett, 44, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to 10 years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On April 27, 2005, **Pickett** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting others in the possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Aug. 11, 2004. **Pickett** also agreed to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of his aiding and abetting others in the possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, including his interest in approximately \$4,538 seized on Aug. 11, 2004.

Pickett is the second co-defendant to be sentenced in this case.

On July 27, 2005, **Oliver Kimbrel**, 43, of Kansas City, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole. **Kimbrel** pleaded guilty on Feb. 10, 2005, to his role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **Kimbrel** admitted that he conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between June 1 and Aug. 11, 2004.

Kimbrel and **Pickett** were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 9, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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